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Main Entry: **¹elas-tic**

Pronunciation: i-'las-tik

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: New Latin *elasticus*, from Late Greek *elastos* ductile, beaten, from Greek *elaunein* to drive, beat out; probably akin to Greek *Elythe* he went, Old Irish *luid*

Date: 1674

1 *a of a solid* : capable of recovering size and shape after deformation **b** : being a collision between particles in which the total kinetic energy of the particles remains unchanged

2 : capable of recovering quickly especially from depression or disappointment

3 : capable of being easily stretched or expanded and resuming former shape : **FLEXIBLE**

4 *a* : capable of ready change or easy expansion or contraction : not rigid or constricted *b* : receptive to new ideas : **ADAPTABLE**

- **elas-ti-cal-ly** /-ti-k(ə-)lE/ *adverb*

synonyms ELASTIC, RESILIENT, SPRINGY, FLEXIBLE, SUPPLE mean able to endure strain without being permanently injured. ELASTIC implies the property of resisting deformation by stretching <an *elastic* waistband>. RESILIENT implies the ability to recover shape quickly when the deforming force or pressure is removed <a *resilient* innersole>. SPRINGY stresses both the ease with which something yields to pressure and the quickness of its return to original shape <the cake is done when the top is *springy*>.

FLEXIBLE applies to something which may or may not be resilient or elastic but which can be bent or folded without breaking <*flexible* plastic tubing>. SUPPLE applies to something that can be

readily bent, twisted, or folded without any sign of injury <supple leather>.

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| \a\ as a in ash | \i\ as i in hit | \[th]\ as th in the |
| \A\ as a in ace | \I\ as i in ice | \U\ as oo in loot |
| \ä\ as o in mop | \j\ as j in job | \u\ as oo in foot |
| \au\ as ou in out | \[ng]\ as ng in sing | \y\ as y in yet |
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One entry found for **resilient**.

Main Entry: **re·sil·ient**

Pronunciation: -y&nt

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: Latin *resilient-*, *resiliens*, present participle of *resilire* to jump back, recoil, from *re-* + *salire* to leap -- more at [SALLY](#)
Date: 1674

: characterized or marked by [resilience](#) : as **a** : capable of withstanding shock without permanent deformation or rupture **b** : tending to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change

synonym see [ELASTIC](#)

- **re·sil·ient·ly** *adverb*

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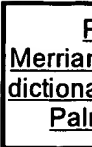
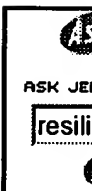
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